

Title: Prayer of Virtues

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Love blooms in the Virtue
of Compassion

Truth blooms in the
Virtue of Honesty

Courage blooms in the
Virtue of Valor
Pure of Principles and
pure in Virtue

Love with Truth bloom in
the Virtue of Justice

Truth with Courage bloom
in the Virtue of Honor
Courage with Love bloom
in the Virtue of Sacrifice

Paired of Principles but
pure in Virtue

Love with Truth with
Courage, the Principles
three

When joined together in
total yield Spirituality

When shunned together in
void yield Humility

The all or nothing of
Principles but pure in
Virtue

Our lives based on
Virtues granted through
Principles

Our lives rooted in
Principles granting the
Virtues

Our society based on
Virtues granted through
Principles

Our society rooted in
Principles granting the
Virtues

Prayer Defining Virtue

The path of Virtue is
neither crooked nor
straight

It swerves and jumps and
dives and turns
Adapting to the range of
perplexities thrown out by
life

But for those upon the
path, it rolls smooth
before them

The light of Virtue burns
neither bright nor dim

It flashes and brightens
and dims and flickers

Adapting to the depth of
darkness it must
overcome

But for those whose light
it baths, it glows with
constant warmth

The feeling of Virtue is
neither rough nor smooth
It scrapes and soothes
and bruises and scratches

Adapting to the level of
resistance it must
overpower

But for those who feel
the caress, it wraps with
soft silkiness

The life of Virtue is
neither tranquil nor
turbulent

It shakes and trembles
and glides and pauses

Adapting to the intense complexities it will encounter

But for those who live such a life, it rewards with steady calm

Prayer of Devotion to the Virtues

Linked by our devotion to the Virtues

We live our lives walking similar paths
That intertwine in the single path

The lighted path of Virtue

Linked by our devotion to the Virtues
We choose our actions by their guide

Giving a harmony of Virtuous acts

Leading to a Balance of the Virtues
Linked by our devotion to the Virtues

We seek others who will walk with us

Along the path of warming light
The warming light of the Virtues

Linked by our devotion to the Virtues

We wish to share the inner peace
An inner peace derived from Virtue

A Virtuous and warming

tranquility

Linked by our devotion to
the Virtues
We find for life a depth
of meaning

A Virtuous meaning that
gives us strength

The strength we need to
follow Virtue
Linked by our devotion to
the Virtues

We immerse ourselves in
Virtue's Light

Allowing us to be People
of Light
And become the
Lightbringers of Virtue

Prayer from the Inner
Core

Deep within there is a
place

A place that defines who
we are
That central place that
gives us strength

The strength that guides
our feet to step

Our feet to step upon
our path
The path that's chosen
by our source

That source that comes
from that place

For some that place holds
a void
A void that takes from
who they are

And has them take from
those they know

With every touch it
takes some more
Spreading out to increase
the void

Including more within its
grasp

Avoiding all that's in that
place
For some that place is
simply numb

Simply numb and caring
not

No care nor hope nor
vision true
Lifeless, silent through
and through

Unaffected by daily trials

Treading onward in a
stupor

Feeling nothing from that
place

For some that place is
full of chaos

Chaotic swirling without a
meaning
Giving to treading random
paths

Paths leading them
nowhere fast

Leaving behind a broken
trail
With broken lives and
broken promises

Swirling randomly from
that place

For some that place is
lined in order
Ordered forth in
straightened lines

Going straight while never
swerving

Never varied to either
side

Treading on despite all
else

Ignoring every choice
that's given

Ordered straight from
within that place
For some that place is
filled of Virtue

Virtue that wisely guides
their steps

Moving forward upon their
path
A path that knows when
to swerve

To swerve and find all
that's true

And guide us with a
blinding light
Radiating Virtue from
that place